

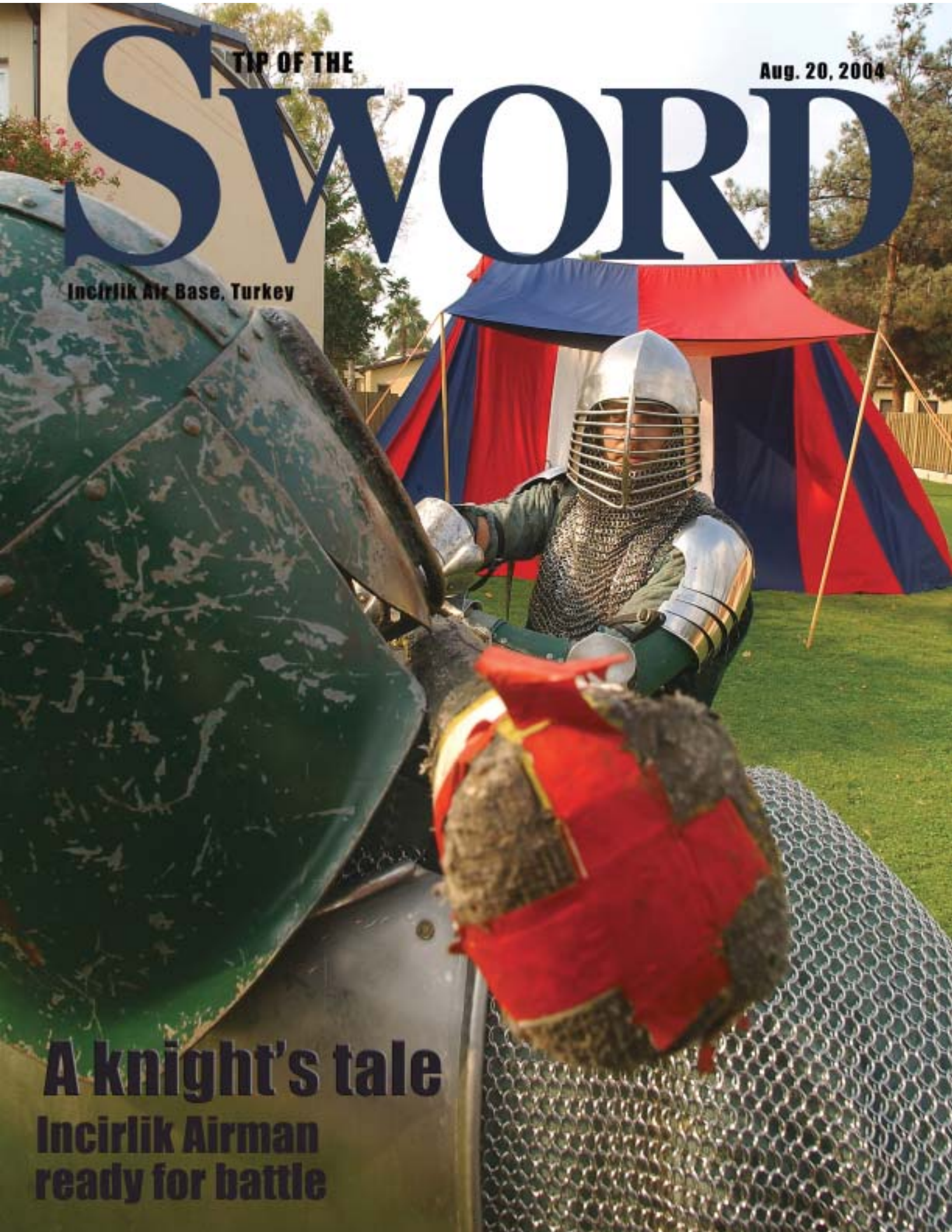
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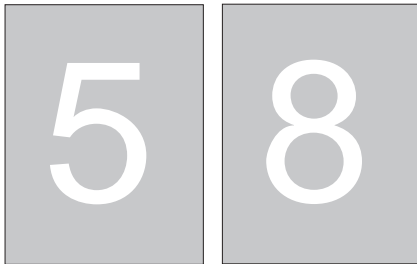
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A knight's tale
Incirlik Airman
ready for battle



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Staff Sgt. Gene Taylor, American Forces Network-Incirlik broadcaster, delivers a blow with his "greatsword" or two-handed sword on his opponent's shoulder during hand-to-hand combat. See related story, Page 6. (Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III.)

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Opinionmeters

Survey adds volume to customers' voice



Photo by Airman Bradley Lail

Senior Airman Marcus Baucom, 728th Air Mobility Squadron information manager, uses the new opinionmeter at the military personnel flight in Building 833.

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Forces in Europe introduced a new tool to help rate customer service and identify opportunities for improvement that can be later addressed by service organizations and Customer College. This new tool comes in the form of opinionmeters.

Opinionmeters are electronic survey devices placed at various places around Incirlik. They provide customers with a more effective way to voice their opinions regarding the service received at facilities.

"We encourage people to take advantage of this opportunity to provide their feedback," said Rebecca Allen, 39th Services Squadron training specialist and Customer College instructor. "It's a proactive way to voice your opinions and enables activities to understand their customers' needs and expectations."

USAFE-wide opinionmeters will consist of five standardized questions.

"We are giving (Incirlik) activity managers the opportunity to develop questions specific to their function that they would like to receive feedback on," Mrs. Allen said.

Opinionmeters are designed to help not only evaluate the current level of customer service, but it will also help drive the curriculum at Customer College and facility improvements.

"By tracking overall customer satisfaction across the base, Customer College staff will be better able to recognize trends that indicate opportunities for improvement and focus on these topics during class," Mrs. Allen said. "The results of the surveys will also be given to the leadership of the facility while the opinionmeter is there so that the organization can base future improvements on customer feedback."

Currently, opinionmeters are posted at the Hodja Lakes Golf Course and in the 39th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight. Every month, Opinionmeters will rotate to different facilities. For more information about Opinionmeters visit www.opinionmeter.com or call Customer College at 6-8289.

Updated Airman's Manual hits the streets

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper distributed the first of more than 675,000 copies of the revised Air Force Manual 10-100, Airman's Manual. A copy will be given to each active-duty, Reserve and Guard Airmen. The new version is weatherproof, tear-resistant and fits in the battle dress uniform's cargo pockets. It combines the old manual with Air Force Handbook 32-4014, Volume 4, "USAF Ability to Survive and Operate Procedures in a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Environment."



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Seeing double

Two corrective eye surgeries offer gift of improved vision

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson
39th Maintenance Group

“You notice the little things the most; like being able to wake up and read the alarm clock,” said Staff Sgt. Lucas Dechant, 39th Maintenance Group quality assurance inspector.

Sergeant Dechant, who recently underwent photorefractive keratectomy, or PRK eye surgery, is reaping the benefits of life without glasses or contact lenses.

In PRK surgery, a thin layer of cells is brushed off the cornea and a laser treatment is used on the underlying cornea. For several days following the procedure, surface cells multiply and the eye heals. In another surgery, laser-assisted in-situ keratomileusis, or LASIK, a flap is cut over the cornea and lifted. A laser treatment is then applied to the underlying stroma and the flap is replaced.

Both eye surgeries have been approved by the Air Force and are performed at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. Unit commanders may give members up to seven days of permissive TDY for the surgery and may grant convalescent leave following the procedure. Incirlik active-duty military members can apply for the surgery and, if eligible, will be placed on a waiting list based on their Air Force specialty code. Low-priority patients may have to wait up to six months. Currently, there are about 40 Incirlik people on the waiting list for the procedures.

The Incirlik Optometry Clinic stresses that PRK and LASIK surgery are neither perfect nor equivalent to each other. LASIK surgery is virtually pain-free and results are seen in a few days, but PRK patients may have mild to severe pain for a few days and might not see results for weeks.

“There was very little pain. It was more like an irritation,” said Capt. Antonio Nester, 39th Comptroller Squadron financial analysis flight commander, who underwent LASIK surgery this year.

However, LASIK surgery has more possible complications than PRK, including flap displacement, retinal detachment and eye perforation.



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III
Staff Sgt. Monica Hamm, 39th Medical Squadron Optometry NCO in charge, examines Airman 1st Class Chris Albright, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron air transportation journeyman.

PRK is better suited for lower prescriptions and has more follow-ups. Neither surgery prevents the gradual eyesight degeneration that occurs with age.

In both surgeries, patients risk under- or over-corrected vision, difficulty seeing at night and seeing halos around objects. Despite the risks, people seem grateful for the procedures' results.

“It was one of my best investments that I have ever made,” said Captain Nester.

“Overall, it was worth the time, money and effort,” added Sergeant Dechant.

The most crucial action for patients of these procedures is attending all of their follow-up appointments at the optometry clinic.

“These surgeries are a great benefit for military members, but they need to remember that once they've had it, they should continue to protect their vision by completing all follow-ups. That way, problems can be caught immediately,” said Staff Sgt. Monica Hamm, 39th Medical Squadron NCO in charge of optometry.

For more information about PRK or LASIK surgery, call the optometry clinic at 6-6159 or reference <https://kx.afms.mil>.



EOD facelift

Master Sgt. William Courter, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight operations chief, explains how the MK 6 Andros robot and the Remote Ordnance Neutralization System works at the grand opening of the renovated EOD facility Aug. 13. The building was constructed in 1959. The renovations took almost a year and a half to complete and include six new offices and an air-conditioned equipment work area.



Senay and Staff Sgt. Eric Stone, 39th Communications Squadron receive an American Red Cross welcome bag and fill out paperwork during an inprocessing briefing after their arrival at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. The Stones are expecting their first child.

Special deliveries: *Spangdahlem welcomes Incirlik moms-to-be*

Story and photo by
Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Seven expectant mothers and their families from Incirlik arrived at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, Aug. 5 after being medically advised to deliver their babies there rather than at a Turkish civilian hospital.

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe command surgeon's office, in consultation with the leadership at the 39th Air Base Wing, said it is a temporary measure to ensure expectant mothers and their babies receive the highest quality care.

This decision was made after a quality assurance site visit to a Turkish local civilian hospital found specific standards were not met in obstetrical care.

Under the Stork Nest program, mothers will be transported during the 35th week of pregnancy to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and then driven to Spangdahlem to settle in for three to six weeks or until they deliver their babies and are recovered enough to return to Turkey, said Lt. Col. Markham Brown, 52nd Medical Group medical staff chief.

Once arriving at Spangdahlem, the families are set up in the Bitburg Annex temporary lodging facility.

The Bitburg Annex TLF, where these families are staying, is only a short distance from

the hospital, the base exchange, commissary, bank and several restaurants.

"These families have no personal transportation but will have everything they need nearby, including full healthcare," said Colonel Brown.

The Spangdahlem family support center is also ready for the expectant mothers and their families.

"We have about 10 key agencies set up to tell them about all the services we provide to them, and we're going to give them an introduction to Germany so they'll be familiar with the local area," said Kelly Childs, 52nd Mission Support Squadron Air Force Aid Society officer.

The family support center also organized family sponsors for the Incirlik visitors.

"The family sponsors will be able to help drive them around, get them to appointments and show them around the local area," said Ms. Childs.

The AFAS awarded a grant to the families for the use of cellular phones. Although the TLF rooms have phones, the family support center wants to make it more convenient for the visiting families, said Ms. Childs.

On average, the Bitburg Annex hospital expects 20 deliveries every month, with the capacity to handle twice that number if necessary.

"The four to eight deliveries expected each month from Turkey are well within our capacity to deliver quality care," said Colonel Brown.



IN
BRIEF

Holiday greetings

American Forces Network - Incirlik will videotape holiday greetings for all military members and civilians at Incirlik Sept. 1. The taping will take place in the interior court yard of the high school. All military personnel must be in uniform and are encouraged to bring their family members. Sign up for a 20-minute time block by Sept. 1. No walk-ins will be accepted. To reserve a time or for more information, call Master Sgt. Larry Schneck, AFN-I detachment chief, at 6-6491.

Service store closure

The individual equipment element is closed Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 and the base service store is closed Sept. 7 to 9 for semiannual inventory. For more information, call Master Sgt. Sundra Washington, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron retail sales superintendent, at 6-8308 or 6-6538.

High school needs teachers

Incirlik High School is in need of substitute teachers, special education aids and AVID tutors for the upcoming school year. If interested or for more information, call Star Chase at 6-6330.

Child development program

The child development center is preparing to open an enrichment program for 2-year-olds. For more information or for those interested in filling out a survey, call the CDC at 6-6553.

In the News

People can check out the latest local and world events on "In the News," a daily summary of breaking news published by the 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office. To subscribe, send an e-mail to 39ABW.PA@incirlik.af.mil or go to the link on the home page of the Source under "Commander's Corner." For more information, call the public affairs office at 6-6060.

'Tongue and Quill'

The latest version of "The Tongue and Quill" is now available online at www.e-publishing.af.mil. A hard-copy version will not be published.



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III

Staff Sgt. Gene Taylor, American Forces Network-Incirklik broadcaster, blocks his opponent's weapon with a shield as he steps in to deliver a "fatal shot" with his dagger during hand-to-hand combat. Sergeant Taylor is a medieval knight with the Society for Creative Anachronism, an international organization that researches and recreates the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe.

Chivalry isn't dead

Incirklik Airman embraces ideals of medieval times

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

When most people look around, they see a military base not unlike most others, with neutral-colored buildings and rows of look-alike housing.

But Staff Sgt. Gene Taylor sees a kingdom.

Sergeant Taylor, an American Forces Network-Incirklik broadcaster, is a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, an international organization that researches and recreates the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe.

Each day, after he wraps up his morning radio show, he heads home to shed his uniform and don the metal garb of his alter ego — a medieval knight.

"I'm into it for the sheer glamour," he said. "It's powerful to go out into a field and test my prowess against others. And then, later that evening, talk about my exploits."

In reality, Sergeant Taylor is much more likely to enter battle with an M-16 than a sword, but his fascination with the Middle Ages has fueled his hobby for 10 years.

"I got interested when I saw a demo at a local college," he said. "But it wasn't until five years after that I did something about it."

Since the hobby is so time intensive, he first checked to see if his wife was on board. She figured a "knight in shining armor" for a husband wouldn't be so bad.

"I was interested in that time period, too," said Michelle Taylor. "I

like the idea of chivalry and the way people sought to live. The reality of the Middle Ages was drab but the ideals were very interesting."

"Of course, it's much easier to pursue that way of life with indoor plumbing," Sergeant Taylor added.

As a knight in the SCA, Sergeant Taylor's allegiance is to his "king" and he serves as a protector of the royal family and its lands. The world is broken up into 17 kingdoms, so his allegiance varies with his residence. He and other nobles, clothed in mostly handmade chain mail and armor, engage in battles during SCA "events" to decide new heirs to the throne.

"Knights were the uppercrust, the nobility," he said. "Although it's fun to play the role of a knight, statistically, I would have been a peasant."

As a "knight's" wife, Michelle's Middle Age options vary from brewing wine or beer, researching ancient recipes and sewing embroidery.

"We have to pass the time while our men bash on each other," she said.

Although they technically belong to the European kingdom of Drockenwald, or Dragon Forest, in Turkey, they are far from the tournaments and competitions common in Germany and England.

"We're hoping to find other people here who share our interest," Sergeant Taylor said. "It's a fun hobby."

If interested in finding out more about the SCA, Sergeant Taylor said he'd be happy to pass on his knowledge.

"I'm up for a good battle," he said.

LRS makes up first-inning deficit, wins softball championship 17-11

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Burgess
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

In the end, Comm's early 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning was not enough to stop LRS from taking the base intramural softball championship 17-11 Wednesday at Field One.

After home-plate umpire Mark Boyd announced "batter up" to start the game, Comm's Chris Campbell waited two pitches before he delivered a home run. Comm batters used the same strategy to extend their lead — patience.

LRS struck back with three runs in their first at bat. In the second inning, Comm extended the lead to 7-3. Player Coach Chip Campbell hit a homerun with two runners on the base. Hecklers in the bleachers encouraged Campbell with the words, "You owe us two games," for inspiration. They were referring to how many games it would take Comm to win the championship since Comm came from the loser's bracket.

However, undefeated LRS silenced the hecklers in the top of the second with six runs, LRS 9-7. LRS had five base hits, spreading the ball around the infield and outfield at will. Jeff Thomas drove in the first run with runners on first and third. Danny Turner hit a sacrifice fly, and Tony Rivera added a three-run home run.

In Comm's next at bat, they went scoreless as LRS displayed their superb defensive skills. LRS rallied with two outs when Jeff Thomas hit a fly ball into the centerfield gap. Comm escaped the inning trailing 13-7.

Comm staged a comeback in the fourth inning off a RBI double down the third base line by Jeremy Herring. Greg Manhardt added an RBI. With two outs and runners on second and third, LRS pitcher Danny Turner made a heads up play, cutting off the throw to home plate from center field to throw out Jeremy Akerson, who was scrambling back to first base.



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III

LRS pitcher Danny Turner tosses a pitch during the base championship game Wednesday. LRS, the American division champions, defeated COMM, the National division champs, 17-11 to become the 2004 intramural softball base champions.

LRS closed out the fourth inning with a three-run home run by Curtis Palmer, extending their lead 16-11. Armed Forces Network — Incirlik broadcaster, Jason Armstrong provided live commentary during the game for the fans, but he didn't have much to talk about during the scoreless fifth inning.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, both teams huddled near their dugouts for a brief pep talk. LRS's shortstop, Tony Harris, snagged two ground ball rockets for outs. A fly ball to center field ended the inning for Comm.

LRS only scored one run in the top of the sixth. In Comm's last at bat, they went down swinging with two base hits. After the game, LRS coach Patrick Wickam said, "You have to give Comm credit ... hats off to them, they played a great game."

Campbell said, "We made a few errors tonight, nothing compared to the last time we played LRS. My guys showed what we were all about."

How they got there: LRS vs LRS #2, 20-2; LRS vs SFS #1, 20-18; LRS vs Comm, 14-2; LRS vs Comm, 17-11. Comm vs OS, 14-3; Comm vs AMS, 18-3; Comm vs LRS, 14-2 and Comm vs AMS, 14-2.



Bowl-a-thon — The Airlift Tanker Association sponsors a back to school bowl-a-thon Aug. 30 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Magic Carpet bowling alley. Cost is \$15 per five-person team per game. First 10 teams to sign up play. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kevin McCarty at 6-8139 or e-mail at kevin.mccarty@incirlik.af.mil.

Soccer volunteers — Volunteers are needed for the upcoming soccer season. Open jambo-ree begins Sept. 18 for ages 5 to 18. Volunteer packets are accepted at the youth center. For more information, call Jerome Latimer at 6-6670.

Soccer camp — Soccer camp begins Aug. 28 and runs until Sept. 3. The cost is \$25. For more information, call Jerome Latimer at 6-6670.

Water aerobics — Water aerobics classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call 6-6044.

Skeet and trap shooting — Outdoor recreation offers skeet and trap shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Open shooting begins Saturdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10, and includes shells and clays. For more information, call 6-6044.

Scuba course — Outdoor recreation offers a scuba course, which includes training and Professional Association of Diving Instructors certification. Water training is provided in an indoor pool, plus four open water dives in Kizkalesi. Cost is \$250. For more information, call Yasar Karalar, scuba instructor, at 6-6044 or e-mail incirlikdiving@yahoo.com.

Extreme Summer points — People can earn Extreme Summer points by submitting a FitPoints report. The report is at the FitLinxx Web site at www.incirlik.fitlinxx.com under "Workouts." For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

Lap swim — Early morning lap swim is Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 7 a.m. at the base pool. For more information, call 6-3442.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander

Below the zone

Congratulations to the senior airmen below the zone selectees from the 39th Security Forces Squadron: **Michael Goodenow, Jennifer Ortego and Gabriel Colomperez.** Keep up the good work!
Commander's call

I had the opportunity to speak to many of you at this week's commander's calls. There were several important questions asked at each call, and I thank you for your input. Your continued involvement in future commander's calls is extremely important. It's your time to ask me about anything that might be weighing on your mind

Voting is your right, responsibility

By Col. Robert Suminsby
39th Air Base Wing vice commander

For those of us living overseas, the 2004 federal election can seem a distant affair. But you should realize that in November we Americans will choose the next President, 34 Senators and all 435 U.S. Representatives. These choices will have a profound impact on the future of our country and its citizens. It's our responsibility, as citizens, to provide an input to this process by exercising our right to vote.

The Air Force works hard to make it as easy as possible for you to vote, even when you live overseas. Your unit has several voting counselors assigned who are trained to help you and your voting-age family members register and vote. Your voting counselor will help you fill out a post card application for an absentee ballot and mail it to your local election officials.

Your responsibility doesn't end there, of course. You need to educate yourself on the issues at stake in the election. Keep up with the news and seek out information on the Internet about decisions affecting your local community and the positions taken by the candidates.

Once your local election officials process your post card application, you'll receive an absentee ballot in the mail. After you feel educated and ready to make your voting decisions, fill out the ballot and get it in the mail. You have then exercised a right envied by others worldwide – the right to choose your own leaders. Take this right seriously and make your decision carefully. This election is expected to be close, and your vote is important.

For more information, see the "voting" link on The Source for a list of unit voting representatives or call the wing's voting officer, Maj. Jeff Collins, at 6-VOTE.

– don't be bashful.

Armed Forces Inaugural Committee

The Air Force is seeking individuals to support the 55th Inauguration from Jan. 15 to 24. Those selected will perform unit-funded temporary duty in Washington, D.C., for the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. This is a great opportunity that should be reserved for your most deserving and sharpest folks. Leadership needs to be very involved in the selection process as this is highly visible. There are many opportunities available. For more information, call DSN 754-1026 or commercially at 202 404-1026, or e-mail 11wgcci@bolling.af.mil.

Pet adoption

I encourage anyone interested in adopting an animal to stop by the stray animal facility Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. The facility is also in need of donations ranging from cat litter, food and toys to old blankets and laundry detergent. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Caroline Wood at 6-6072 or Staff Sgt. Adena Ebergardt at 6-1164.

Force protection

It's important to get out and get involved in as much of Turkish culture as you can while you're here, but remember to keep force protection in mind at all times. When traveling this weekend, remember that how you dress can make you an easy target. Report any suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200.

Action Line: Caller concerned about vet clinic charges

Concern: I have a question regarding the money charged at the vet clinic. If they charge such a high amount of money for services, why are they asking for volunteers? Where does all the money go? When animals are seen and need medicine, the clinic does not have it and we are told to buy something ourselves. I was charged \$5 just for the veterinarian to shine a light at a spot on my dog. I can understand if the money collected is used to purchase medicines or pay the civilian they have. But if that is so, then the clinic should not tell its customers to go buy medicines; they should be stocked up. Is there anyway to look into this?

Response: The primary mission of the vet clinic is providing public health evaluations and caring for military working dogs. Private pet care is only performed on a space-available basis. The clinic staff realizes this is a very important part of their job and are happy to provide the service as resources permit. The clinic's profits usually only amount to three cents on the dollar. Profits remain in the clinic to purchase supplies, equipment and pay the civilian employee.

The clinic tries to maintain a well stocked supply of medicines, but in the past they have lost thousands of dollars maintaining expensive medicines that went unused and had to be destroyed. In some cases, a less expensive human product can be substituted for a veterinary label product.

The clinic does ask for volunteers as a way of improving care. Volunteers can help reduce the operating costs of the clinic and eventually reduce fees. The clinic is a valued benefit, and the staff will continue to strive to provide the best service at the lowest possible cost. For more information, call the vet clinic at 6-3119. — **Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander** (action.line@incirlik.af.mil/6-6060)



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Turkish coffee

Question: Mehmet, although coffee is not grown in Turkey, it has become well-known throughout the world as “Turkish coffee.” Why is that?

Response: You are right, coffee isn’t grown in Turkey, but it has been popular in Turkey since the middle of the 16th century.

Coffee spread to the Arabian peninsula in the 15th century from Yemen.

The green coffee beans were brought to Istanbul from Yemen. Istanbul was the capital of the Ottoman Empire, and Yemen was Ottoman territory then.

From Istanbul, coffee beans and the beverage found their way to the west and within a few decades of its introduction, Europeans were addicted to this new drink.

Interestingly, coffee spread to Europe when Ottoman Turks besieged Vienna in 1683. The blockade lasted several months, so the Turks not only had their logistical materials and food, but plenty of sacks of coffee.

The Ottoman armies eventually withdrew, leaving behind the sacks of coffee. Some Turks also stayed. Legend says they introduced coffee to the locals and opened the first coffee shops in Europe.

Although coffee was introduced to Europe by the Turks, Europeans prepare their coffee differently from Turkish coffee.

Turkish coffee is prepared with finely powdered beans. The beans are roasted and ground when they are still warm for the best results. Coffee can also be purchased already ground.

Cezve, a small metal pot with a long handle, is used to prepare and brew Turkish coffee. Turkish coffee is enjoyed with small coffee cups that could be used for measuring ingredients.

Preparing Turkish coffee:

Place one cup of water and one generously-heaped teaspoonful of coffee into the cezve for each cup of Turkish coffee you want to prepare. You can adjust the strength according to your taste.

♦ Add sugar if you want sweet coffee. You should not add sugar after the coffee is poured

because it will change the flavor of the coffee. Some people boil the water first then add sugar to the ground coffee.

♦ When asking for sugar you should say “sekerli” for sweet coffee, “orta sekerli” for medium sugar, “az sekerli” for little sugar, or “sade” for without sugar. The sugar can be adjusted according to individual tastes.

♦ Place the cezve with the ingredients on low heat, stirring slowly. When the coffee begins rising, remove it from heat, pour a little of the froth into each cup and place the cezve on the heat again. Let it rise one more time and pour the rest in the cups. The art of Turkish coffee is not to lose the froth.

♦ A cup of drinking water is also served with Turkish coffee. It is customary to take a sip of water and rinse the mouth to clear it from any former tastes. This way you can get the full coffee taste.

♦ Turkish coffee is served very hot. It should be sipped slowly and gently, taking care to inhale the fragrance and flavor.

Make sure you do not drink the grounds at the bottom.

Turkish tea

Question: I have observed Turks drink a lot of tea. Whenever you go to a Turkish friend’s house or shop, they immediately offer tea. I understand Turks brew their tea differently as well. Will you tell us how they brew tea?

Response: As you have observed, tea is the main beverage in Turkey, in cold or hot weather. Turks follow only the British and Chinese in the amount of tea we drink. Some people drink up to 15 to 20 cups a day.

As other nations have their own way of preparing tea, so do we.

You will need two kettles to do the job right; one large and one small. The small one sits on the top of the large one like a lid. If you buy the kettles as a set, they are designed that way.

First, you fill the large kettle with water and boil. Meanwhile, put tea leaves and a dash of water, enough to wet the tea leaves, into the small kettle. Then put the small kettle on the top of the big kettle which is already heating.

The number of cups you want to serve dictates how much tea leaves should be put into the small kettle. Usually, it is about one teaspoon for each cup.

Once the water in the big kettle starts to boil, fill the small kettle with the boiling water from the big kettle. Add cold water to the big

kettle, filling it up.

Now, put the two kettles back on the stove, again with the small one on top of the larger one.

Wait until the water in the big kettle starts to boil again. By that time, the tea leaves have added their color, aroma and taste into the water.

As the water in the big kettle boils, your tea is ready to serve. Pour some tea from the small kettle into a cup then fill it up with boiling water from the big kettle.

You can adjust the strength of your tea by pouring more or less from the small kettle. Put the kettles back on the stove until you finish drinking your first cup, then serve the second. At that time, you can reduce the heat for the kettles.

You can add more water to be boiled to the big kettle, but do not add water, cold or hot, to the small kettle. It makes the already good tea in the small kettle become bad. If you need more tea, you should go through that process again and brew new tea.

The amount of sugar is also adjustable, depending on a person’s taste. So many people drink Turkish tea without adding any sugar. In some parts of eastern Turkey, there is a special sugar called kirtlama. This is a piece of hard

sugar people put under their tongues. They can drink several cups with one single piece of hard sugar that way.

Although it is not Turkish style, tea bags are available in the markets, both imported and domestic. You can also see tea flavored of almost every fruit from apple and strawberry to orange and lemon. They are mostly sold in tea bags.

Many shops at the Alley serve apple tea to their customers. In fact, apple tea has become more popular than regular Turkish tea. Apple tea is instant and you put it in hot

water and stir. It is concentrated apple juice and sugar, therefore, you do not need to add sugar to your apple tea.

Turkish tea is served in special tulip-shaped teacups, so people can hold them easier and feel the heat in their hands.

Turkish tea is always served hot. Therefore, the American iced-tea may sound strange to Turkish people.



Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.



THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Monday

Children's theater — The Missoula's Children's Theater group is Monday through Friday at the community center. Theater auditions are from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday. The performance is Saturday (time to be determined). The program is for 6- to 18-year-olds. Cost is \$10. For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670.

Thursday

Welcome wagon — The 39th Services Squadron sponsors a Welcome to Incirlik Day from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting at the consolidated club complex. The program includes breakfast, a commander's meet and greet, a services fair, a tour of the base and a trip to Adana. For more information, call Vic Hayes at 6-6679.

Upcoming

Senior NCO induction — The senior NCO induction ceremony is Aug. 27 at the club. The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chief. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. Elton Hudson or Master Sgt. Trae King at 6-1464.

Back to school movie day — The family support center sponsors a movie day Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Club membership drive — The consolidated club sponsors a club membership drive from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30. Club members can win cash in drawings and points toward merchandise. For more information, call the club at 6-6101.

Budgeting class — The family support center offers a budgeting

class Sept. 9 from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Ongoing

School registration — The high school office is open for registration Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students in grades seventh through 12th can be registered at this office. For more information, call Tefvik Esberk at 6-6330.

New youth skate club — The club teaches new skate techniques and is open to children ages 10 through 18. Adult volunteers are also needed. For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670 or 6-3263.

Conversational Turkish — The community center sponsors a conversational Turkish class Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call the CAC at 6-6966.

Summer Sunday breakfast — A la carte breakfast will be served at the club instead of brunch during the summer months from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call the club at 6-6010.

Pet adoption — The stray animal facility opens Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. for pet adoptions and donations. The shelter does not accept pets. If pets are unwanted, owners need find them a new home or take them to the Adana shelter. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Caroline Wood at 6-6072 or Adana Eberhardt at 6-1164.

Guitar classes — The community center sponsors guitar classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Dee Mills at 6-6966.

Conversational English — The community centers sponsors conversational English classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 for four classes. For more information, call Dee Mills at 6-6966.



The above key is the solution for the crossword puzzle published in the Aug. 13 issue of the *Tip of the Sword*. For more information, e-mail the *Tip of the Sword* staff at tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil.



COMBAT & SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Monday

Bible school — Protestant Vacation Bible School is Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon each day. People can register at the base chapel. For more information, call Sueann Herkel at 6-6441.

Fellowship dinner — Protestant Women of the Chapel sponsor a fellowship dinner for all Incirlik women at the Crossroads Cafe from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Melanie McDade at 6-9381.

Thursday

Smells and Bells — A "What do they really believe" class, the first in a "Smells and Bells - Catholic Update" series is at 6:30 p.m. at the chapel annex. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

Upcoming

Pool party — Protestant

Youth of the Chapel sponsors a pool party Aug. 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the base pool. Girls should wear a one-piece bathing suit or shirt and shorts. For more information, call John or Sueann Herkel at 6-5921.

Sunday Mass moved to Saturday — Sunday Mass Aug. 29 is rescheduled for Aug. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel sanctuary. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

Daily Mass — Catholic Daily Mass is at the chapel in the Blessed Sacrament Room Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

Pilgrimage — The chapel sponsors a pilgrimage to Antakya at the end of August. For more information or to sign up, call the chapel at 6-6441.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Tonika Brown, 39th Communications Squadron commander support staff technician

Time in service: Four years

Time on station: One year

Hometown: Fayetteville, N.C.

Hobbies: Studying the word of the Lord, golf, reading, hiking, camping, working out,

traveling and, of course, shopping
Why did you join the Air Force? I joined out of high school and I thought it was a good idea to get a good start on something, so I decided to join the Air Force. Also, to at least start or get a bachelor's degree.

What do you like most about Incirlik? The camaraderie

How do you contribute to the air base wing's mission? I ensure all communications personnel within the squadron have all of their paperwork done in a timely, professional and orderly manner.

What Air Force core value best describes you? Excellence in all you do.

Supervisor's quote: "Quality is the key to Senior Airman Brown's work — no customer walks away unsatisfied," said Staff Sgt. Janine Bennett, commander support staff NCO in charge.

YOUR TURN



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

What is your biggest uniform violation pet peeve?

"People walking around with their hands in their pockets."

— **Tech. Sgt. Charles Campbell**, 39th Communications Squadron



"Improper wear of the hat. I see women with bulky hair and a hat barely balanced on their head."

— **1st Lt. Jennifer Luoma**, 728th Air Mobility Squadron



"Mirrored sunglasses."
— **Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Thomas**, 39th Air Base Wing



"Ponytails below the collar."
— **Senior Airman Lakina Hill**, 39th Medical Squadron



"Pens sticking in pockets."
— **Tech. Sgt. Paul McCorkle**, 728th Air Mobility Squadron



CLASSIFIEDS

Free to a good home: A 4-month-old male kitten. Has all shots, an AVID chip and is neutered. For more information, call 6-5314.

Lost: Gold wedding ring with three rows of diamonds, lost at the golf course. If found, please call Rogers at 6-5614 or 6-6424.

For sale: Diamond engagement and wedding set from Fred Meyer jewelers, 14 kt., gold, 1 kt. tw., never worn, \$1,700. For more information, call Amber at 6-2933 or 0535-300-2903.

For sale: Ladies engagement ring/ wedding set, diamonds on engagement and wedding band, diamonds guaranteed at Helzberg's jewelers, \$850 OBO. Call Elaine at 6-5535.

For sale: Ivory wedding dress, size 10-12, perfect condition, preserved, \$150 OBO. Large suitcase, \$20. For more information, call

Caroline at 6-5433.

For sale: Solid four-piece walnut bedroom set, purchased six months ago. Set includes a king-sized four-poster bed, large dresser and two bedside tables. Must see. Asking \$3,600 OBO. For more information, call Jeremy or Ashley at 6-5718.

For sale: Patio set, includes umbrella and four chairs, great condition, \$55. Beach tanning chair with cushion and cover, \$30. Step 2 slide and swing set, \$200 OBO. Precious Moments bassinet, \$25. For more information, call 6-5191.

For sale: Sectional sofa, in good condition, with nine big pillows and two small pillows. Asking \$150. Purchased in the base exchange furniture store. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kim Higgins at 6-6611 (days) or 6-5444 (nights).

Wanted: Certified dog-obedience trainer to help modify and improve the behavior of two dogs. Biggest problem areas are excessive barking, jumping, chewing and pulling on leash. For more information, e-mail ssdeanda@yahoo.com.



Project Wizard, a U.S. Air Forces in Europe special interest program, focuses on the opportunities to study and explore through libraries. For more information about the program or upcoming events, call the library at 6-6759.



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III

After Six

Airman 1st Class Isaac Hughes, 39th Medical Squadron dental technician, and Senior Airman Leslie Jones, 39th Communications Squadron infrastructure technician, play pool at the After Six, which opened Aug. 2. After Six features high-tech games, state-of-the-art sound and light systems, wide-screen televisions, around-the-clock movies and tournaments.



AT THE MOVIES

At the Oasis

Today

The Stepford Wives (PG-13) – Starring Nicole Kidman and Bette Midler. Joanna and her husband move into the suburban community of Stepford, where she soon notices that the local housewives seem oddly bland and too perfect. After some investigation with her new friend, she uncovers the town's secret: The men of Stepford have been replacing their wives with robotic look-alikes who do their every bidding. Showing at 7 p.m. (93 minutes)



The Notebook (PG-13) – Starring James Garner and Gena Rowland. A man reads a

faded notebook to the woman he regularly visits. His words bring to life the story of a couple who are separated by World War I and then passionately reunited seven years later after taking different paths. Though her memory has faded, his words give her the chance to relive her turbulent youth and the unforgettable love they shared. Showing at 9 p.m. (121 minutes)



Saturday

The Stepford Wives (PG-13) – Starring Nicole Kidman and Bette Midler. Showing at 5 p.m. (93 minutes)

The Notebook (PG-13) – Starring James Garner and Gena Rowland. Showing at 7 p.m. (121 minutes)

Sunday

The Chronicles of Riddick (PG-13) – Starring Vin Diesel and Judi Dench. Riddick, on the run from mercenaries eager to claim the price on his head, seeks refuge on the planet of Helion, only to



discover he's walked into a world in chaos. Helion has been seized by the Lord Marshall determined to wipe out humanity throughout the universe. Leader of Helion pleads with Riddick to join them in their fight for survival; Riddick agrees, hoping to fill out some of the blank chapters in his history along the way. Showing at 7 pm. (119 minutes)

Thursday

The Chronicles of Riddick (PG-13) – Starring Vin Diesel and Judi Dench. Showing at 7 pm. (119 minutes)

At the M1

House of Fools (R) — 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. (104 minutes)

Garfield (PG) — 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. (80 minutes)

13 Going on 30 (PG-13) — 12:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (95 minutes)

Stepford Wives (R) — 11:45 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (95 minutes)

Riddick (R) — 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (95 minutes)

Station Agent (R) — 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (88 minutes)

Open Water (R) — 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (79 minutes)

For more information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140. The provision of movie information does not constitute an endorsement by the 39th Air Base Wing, U.S. government, Department of Defense or Department of the U.S. Air Force. For more information, call the theater at 6-6986.